

# PPOVA Updates August 2008



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## New Opportunities Posted in July

For a detailed description, visit PPOVA and [search by specialty or location](#).

Position Number	Location	Date Posted
<a href="#"><u>IM2116</u></a>	Richlands	7/2/08
<a href="#"><u>FNP7085</u></a>	Richlands	7/2/08
<a href="#"><u>FNP7084</u></a>	Honaker	7/11/08
<a href="#"><u>FP1255</u></a>	Newport News	7/16/08

## Positions Filled in July

Position Number	Location
FP1223	Martinsville
ENT17002	Galax
PATH3600	Galax
PSY5034	Galax

## Upcoming Events

**August 4-5**

[Cervical Cancer Conference](#)

Durham, NC

**August 28**

[Sustainability Workshop - Get it Going and Keep it Growing:  
Sustaining Prevention Programs](#)

Richmond, VA

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## Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

### Virginia SEARCH

Virginia SEARCH is in the process of developing new community based sites for student rotations with two goals in mind: to expand the geographic reach of student

mind, to expand the geographic reach of student opportunities and to increase the number of opportunities for pediatrics and obstetric rotations. Of particular interest is developing sites in the Cumberland Plateau, Central Virginia, RADCO and Crater Planning Districts. If your practice site is interested in providing student rotations through the SEARCH program please contact [Jane Wills](#) at the Rappahannock Rural Health Development Center or your local AHEC. More information is available at [www.vasearch.org](http://www.vasearch.org).

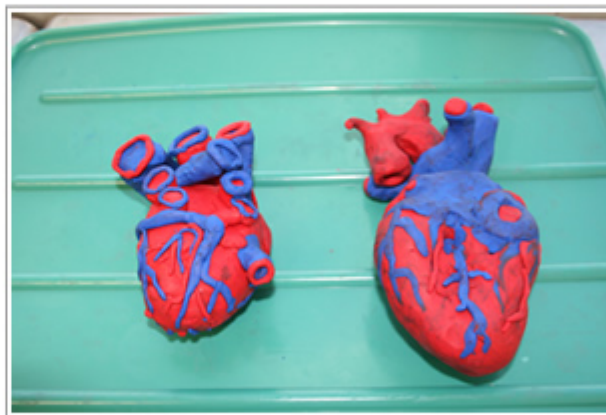
### **VCOM Sponsors Summer Program**

The Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM) sponsored an Anatomy Summer Enrichment Experience (SEE) for high school students, ages 14-18, during the month of July. During the week of July 7, 2008, VCOM hosted 17 boys and during the week of July 14, 2008, 33 girls attended the program.

The program afforded students from rural or medically underserved areas of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee the opportunity to learn about anatomy from VCOM faculty and students and to gain an introduction to science and medicine. In addition to anatomy lecture and lab experiences, topics such as nutrition; functions of the brain; library searches through Medline; building a healthy heart; and constructing a regional vertebrae out of clay were included in the week-long program.

The program, including lodging, was completely funded by VCOM this year.

Anatomy Chair, Francine Anderson, P.T., Ph.D. noted the strong caliber of the participating students. "We have been very impressed by the students in the SEE program. Despite the diverse educational levels of the students, all of the students were curious to learn more about specific structure functions related to the human body and performed exceptionally well."



Among the projects in the SEE program, high school students built models of the human heart from clay.





Thirty-three women participated in the second week of the SEE program. The SEE participants, along with VCOM student mentors are pictured above.

### **VCOM Welcomes the Class of 2012**

VCOM will hold Orientation for the Class of 2012 from August 13-15, 2008. Over 186 students will join the medical school, which is the biggest class ever.



There were 156 new students in last year's class. VCOM expects 186 new students to enroll this fall.



As the first medical school partner of Virginia Tech, VCOM embraces Virginia Tech traditions such as having the Hokie Bird at Orientation to welcome the new students to Blacksburg.